

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION
AUTHORIZING A ROAD TAX OF NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY
CENTS ON THE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

H. J. R. No. 4.]

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

Of the Legislature of the State of Texas proposing and submitting to a vote of the people of Texas an amendment to Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution, authorizing the levy and collection of a special road tax not to exceed fifty cents on the one hundred dollars of valuation of property in any county, subdivision or subdivisions, or defined district thereof, when same has been authorized by a majority of the qualified electors voting at an election held for that purpose, and making an appropriation for carrying out the provisions of this resolution.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows, to wit:

Section 9. The state tax on property, exclusive of the tax necessary to pay the public debt, and of the taxes provided for the benefit of the public free schools, shall never exceed thirty-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation, and no county, city or town shall levy more than twenty-five cents for city or county purposes, and not exceeding fifteen cents for roads and bridges, and not exceeding fifteen cents to pay jurors, on the one hundred dollars valuation, except for the payment of debts incurred prior to the adoption of the amendment, September 25, 1883, and for the erection of public buildings, streets, sewers, waterworks and other permanent improvements, not to exceed one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation in any one year, and except as is in this Constitution otherwise provided, and the Legislature may also authorize an additional annual ad valorem tax to be levied and collected for the further building and maintenance of the public roads; provided, that a majority of the qualified property taxpaying voters of the county, or of any political subdivision or subdivisions of the county, or of any defined district now or hereafter to be described and defined within any county, who has been assessed a property tax and paid said tax for the next year prior to the time he offers to vote, voting at an election held for that purpose, shall vote such tax, not to exceed fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of property subject to taxation in such county, political subdivision or subdivisions, or described or defined district. And the Legislature may pass local laws for the maintenance of the public roads and highways without the local notice required for special or local laws.

SEC. 2. The foregoing amendment to Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution of Texas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this State for adoption or rejection at an election to be held on the fourth Saturday in the month of July, 1915. All voters on this proposed amendment at said election who favor its adoption shall have printed or written on their ballots the following: "For amendment to Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution, authorizing the levy and collection of a special road tax not to exceed fifty cents on the hundred dollars valuation of property in any county, subdivision or sub-

divisions, or defined district thereof, when same has been authorized by a majority of the qualified electors at an election held for that purpose." Those voting against its adoption shall have written or printed on their ballots the following: "Against the amendment to Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution, authorizing the levy and collection of a special road tax not to exceed fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of property in any county, subdivision or subdivisions, or defined district thereof, when same has been authorized by a majority of the qualified electors at an election held for that purpose.

SEC. 3. The Governor of the state is hereby directed to issue his necessary proclamation ordering this election, and have same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this state. The sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated to defray the expenses of publishing and proclamation and printing of tickets and necessary blanks to use in said election.

[NOTE.—H. J. R. No. 4 was adopted by the House February 27, yeas 104, nays 3. Was adopted by the Senate, with amendments, March 17, yeas 23, nays 1. House requested free conference committee and adopted report of the committee March 18, yeas 98, nays 4. Senate adopted report of free conference committee March 18, yeas 27, nays 0.]

Approved March 22, 1915.

HON. CHAS. F. SPENCER, JUDGE OF THE SIXTEENTH
JUDICIAL DISTRICT—GRANTING LEAVE OF AB-
SENCE FROM THE STATE.

H. C. R. No. 18.] HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

Granting to Hon. Chas. F. Spencer, judge of the Sixteenth Judicial District of Texas, leave of absence.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, the Senate concurring, that Hon. Chas. F. Spencer, Judge of the Sixteenth Judicial District of Texas, be and he is hereby granted permission to be absent from the State of Texas at such interval and for such time as he sees fit, and desires, while his court is not in session, during the months of May, June, July and August, A. D. 1915.

[NOTE.—H. C. R. No. 18 was adopted by the House March 15, no vote given. Was adopted by the Senate March 15, no vote given.]

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